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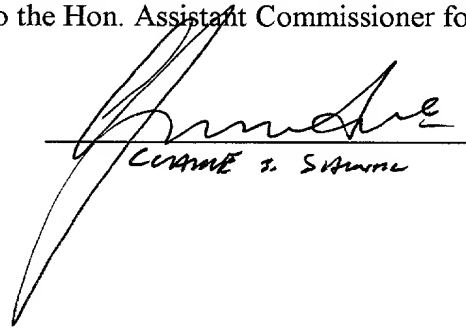
Applicants : Christian Behl and Bernd Moosmann  
For : TRYPTOPHANYL-ESTERS AND THEIR N-ACYL DERIVATIVES  
FOR PREVENTING AND TREATING DISEASES CAUSED OR  
AGGRAVATED BY OXIDATION PROCESSES

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATION

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SUZANNE S. STARNES

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RULE 53(b)  
CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application of pending international application PCT/EP99/06819, filed September 15, 1999, which designated the United States.

Transmitted herewith are the following documents: [X] specification (13 pages); [X] claims (13); [X] abstract; [X] Copy of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney; [X] Preliminary Amendment; [X] Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.56; [X] Form PTO-1449 and documents cited therein; [X] Print EFS form; for filing in the above-identified patent application.

[X] The enclosed declaration is:

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Informal drawings. Formal drawings will be filed during the pendency of this application.

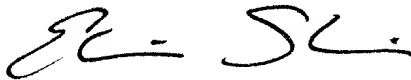
[X] This application is entitled to small entity status.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below for a small entity\*:

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$355.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	34	- 20 = 14	x \$9	= \$126.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	- 3 = 0	x \$40	= \$0
A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$135	= \$135.00
TOTAL				<u>\$616.00</u>

\* Fee calculation based on claims pending after Preliminary Amendment.

- [X] A check in the amount of \$ 616.00 in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 06-1075. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is transmitted herewith.



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